

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information providing system comprising:
a registration apparatus comprising

first recording means for recording user registration form data for displaying a picture for inputting user profile data specifying a user for registration, in association with attributes relevant to said user,

first receiving means for receiving, from a user terminal used by said user, a transmission request for transmission of said user registration form data, along with user terminal identification specifying said user terminal as an argument of a target destination of the registration apparatus and said attributes input by said user,

selection means for selecting said user registration form data recorded in said recording means, based on said attributes received by said first receiving means,

first transmission means for transmitting said user registration form data selected by said selection means to said user terminal,

second receiving means for receiving said user profile data which specifies said user and which has been input from said user terminal based on said user registration form, and

second recording means for recording said user profile data in association with said user terminal identification specifying said user terminal used by said user;

second transmitting means for transmitting a program for access to a key server; and

a key server and content server, the key server comprising

third receiving means for receiving the user terminal identification and an application identification from the user terminal,

verifying means for verifying registration of the user terminal by comparing the user terminal identification received by the third receiving means with the user terminal identification stored by the second recording means;

generating means for generating a key, ~~to manage~~ used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from the content server, based on ~~a result of the verifying means~~ the application identification received by the third receiving means,
and

third transmission means for transmitting the key and the target destination of the contents server which enables the user terminal to download contents from said contents server.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information providing system according to claim 1 wherein the attributes include information indicating a language.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The information providing system according to claim 1 wherein the attributes include information indicating a terminal device connected to said user terminal.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information providing method comprising:
a first recording step of recording user registration form data for displaying a picture for inputting user profile data specifying a user for registration, in association with attributes relevant to said user;

a first receiving step of receiving, from a user terminal used by said user, a transmission request for transmission of said user registration form data, along with user terminal identification specifying said user terminal as an argument of a target destination of the registration apparatus and said attributes input by said user;

a selection step of selecting said user registration form data recorded in said recording step, based on said attributes received by said first receiving step;

a first transmission step of transmitting said user registration form data selected by said selection step to said user terminal;

a second receiving step of receiving said user profile form data which specifies said user and which has been input from said user terminal based on said user registration form data;

a second recording step of recording said user profile data in association with said user terminal identification specifying said user terminal used by said user;

a second transmitting step of transmitting a program for access to a key server;

a third receiving step of receiving at a key server the user terminal identification and an application identification from the user terminal used by said user;

a verifying step of verifying registration of the user terminal by comparing the user terminal identification received by the third receiving step with the user terminal identification stored by the second recording step;

a generating step of generating a key ~~to manage~~ used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from the content server based on ~~a result of the verifying step~~ the application identification received by the third receiving step; and

a third transmission step of transmitting from a key server the key and the target destination of said contents server which enables the user terminal used by said user to download the contents from said contents server.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program which program comprises:

a first receiving step of receiving, from a user terminal used by said user, a transmission request for transmission of user registration form data, along with a user terminal identification specifying said user terminal as an argument of a target destination of the registration apparatus used by a user and attributes relevant to said user, said user registration form data including a picture for inputting user profile form data specifying said user;

a selection step of selecting said user terminal form data recorded in said first recording step, based on said attributes received by said first receiving step;

a first transmission step of transmitting said user terminal identification selected by said selection step to said user terminal;

a second receiving step of receiving said user registration form data which specifies said user and which has been input from said user terminal based on said user terminal identification;

a second recording step of recording said user registration form data in association with said user profile data specifying said user terminal used by said user;

a second transmitting step of transmitting a program for access to a key server;

a third receiving step of receiving at a key server the user terminal identification and an application identification from the user terminal used by said user;

a verifying step of verifying registration of the user terminal by comparing the user terminal identification received by the third receiving step with the user terminal identification stored by the second recording step;

a generating step of generating a key ~~to manage~~ used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from the content server based on ~~a result of the verifying step~~ the application identification received by the third receiving step; and

a third transmission step of transmitting from a key server the key and a target destination of said contents server which enables the user terminal used by said user to download the contents from said contents server.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A user terminal device comprising:

a sending communications unit configured to send a transmission request for transmission of user registration form data along with user terminal identification information to a registration apparatus, ~~and~~ to send user profile form data to the registration server and to send user terminal identification information and application identification to a key server;

a receiving communications unit configured to receive user registration form data for displaying a picture for inputting user profile data, to receive a program for access to ~~[[a]]~~ the key server from the registration apparatus, to receive a key ~~to manage~~ used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from the content server, the key based on the application identification ~~a registration status of the user terminal device~~ and to receive a target destination of ~~[[a]]~~ the contents server from ~~[[a]]~~ the key server;

a display configured to display a picture for inputting the user profile data specifying a user for registration, in accordance with attributes relevant to the user;

an input element configured to input the user profile data; and

a download unit configured to download contents from the contents server.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method for receiving content using a user terminal, said method comprising:

transmitting to a registration apparatus a request for transmission of user registration form data along with user terminal identification specifying the user terminal;

receiving user registration form data from the registration server;

displaying a picture for inputting user profile data specifying a user for registration, in accordance with attributes relevant to the user;

inputting the user profile data specifying the user for registration based on the user registration form data;

transmitting the user profile data entered by the inputting step to the registration server;

receiving a program for access to a key server from the registration apparatus;

transmitting to the key server the user terminal identification specifying the user terminal and an application identification; and

receiving from the key server a key ~~to manage~~ used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from the content server, the key based on the application identification ~~a registration status of the user terminal device~~ and a target destination of a contents server which enables the downloading of contents from the contents server.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program which program comprises:

transmitting to a registration apparatus a request for transmission of user registration form data along with user terminal identification specifying the user terminal;

receiving user registration form data from the registration server;

displaying a picture for inputting user profile data specifying a user for registration, in accordance with attributes relevant to the user;

inputting the user profile data specifying the user for registration based on the user registration form data;

transmitting the user profile data entered by the inputting step to the registration server;

receiving a program for access to a key server from the registration apparatus;

transmitting to the key server the user terminal identification specifying the user terminal and an application identification; and

receiving from the key server a key ~~to manage~~ used by the application to enable access to downloaded content from the content server, the key based on the application identification ~~a registration status of the user terminal device~~ and a target destination of a contents server which enables the downloading of contents from the contents server.

Claim 9 (Cancelled).